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Union Officials Report on New Area Projects

Reports from J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, and Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925, give an interesting picture of new work projects in the Salinas area.

Such projects are:
Start of the County Hospital administration building and receiving room, with the Lembke Co. of Las Vegas as contractors.

Remodeling of a used car salesroom and lot on Monterey St., with George Rentz, of Gilroy, as contractor.

Start of the additions at El Sausal School near Salinas, with the Lembke Construction Co. as contractors on this project also.

Award of contract for additions to the Bardin School in the Alisal District to contractor Ed Carlsen of Salinas, work to be started at once.

Plans for additions and remodeling of Washington School in Salinas, bids to be called shortly following state approval of the proposed project.

Plans for resurfacing 2.3 miles of U.S. Highway 101 and construction of a new bridge, north of San Benito River, low bidder on the state project being Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville, at \$476,325.

Marion R. Walker Gives Straight Dope on Trade

Marion R. Walker, Ventura county candidate for Congress in the 11th District, today explained "for the benefit of voters in this district" his stand on reciprocal and free trade, and foreign policy.

The following statement by Walker was issued from the Walker for Congress Committee in Ventura:

"My position in regard to foreign policy has been crystal clear from the very start of this campaign. I am in favor of the continuance of the reciprocal trade agreement. I am not in favor of free trade.

"In this fast moving world we cannot become isolationists economically or politically. It is extremely important that we trade with other countries of the world in order that they may retain their economic balance and not be dependent upon the American taxpayer for assistance indefinitely.

"We must also protect our industries from collapse due to import from foreign markets which undersell American products. Those are reasons why I favor reciprocal trade agreements. Using this method, adjustments can be made to meet any economic condition which cannot be made under a free trade system or with high tariff barriers.

"As a lemon grower of Ventura County I am well aware of the present situation regarding the lemons and other products produced in the 11th Congressional District, which have competition from foreign markets. The President of the United States has the power to give relief through the reciprocal trade agreement for the welfare of these industries in jeopardy. This relief can and should be given when the failure of business and the loss of jobs would otherwise result. I most certainly would support the President in giving such relief."

Since 1920, assets of mutual savings banks have tripled.



NEW SECURITY BOARD HEAD.—Former Air Force Sec. W. Stuart Symington (left) is sworn in as chairman of the National Security Resources Board. Administering the oath is Supreme Court Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson. Presidential aide John R. Steelman looks on.

UNIONS MAY HIT PG&E RATE HIKE BY UNIQUE PLAN

Something new whereby the individual union member may join the statewide protest against rate increases granted to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. recently by the State Public Utilities Commission has been devised by the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee.

Small stickers have been printed and are being sold to unions at cost, the stickers to be pasted to the PG&E bills and sent to the company upon payment of bills. Wording of the stickers is:

"This electric bill, which includes the recent increase granted by the Public Utilities Commission, is being paid under protest against this increase, which we consider unjustified and a hardship to California farmers and domestic consumers."

For those unions and union members wishing to protest the rate increase, the stickers can be ordered from the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee, 740 Hilmar St., Santa Clara. Price is \$3 for 500, \$5 for \$1,000, or \$20 for 5,000.

Diaper Firm Battles Union, Quits Business

Sanitary Diaper Service, a Salinas firm, located on East Market street, has shut its doors rather than accede to a union contract, it was claimed by union officials last week.

Pickets were placed before the laundry by Laundry Workers Union 258 and Teamsters Union 890 in a joint action, it was announced. An out-of-town laundry which was assisting the firm was picketed also, in Soledad, it was said.

Last week, after a week of picketing, the firm closed its doors and reportedly had gone out of business, at least at the Market street location.

Press Committee Member Resigns

Neil Goodwin, business agent of Retail Clerks Union 839, resigned last week as member of the Press Committee of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas. He said he had moved to Santa Cruz to conduct an intensive organizing campaign there and would be unable to serve. His successor has not been named, it was reported.

In Union Circles

Mildred Putman, office secretary in Salinas for Retail Clerks Union 839, Culinary Alliance 467 and the Central Labor Council, celebrated her birthday last Friday—by working as usual! Her age? She says that now, at long last, she can vote!

Carl Lara, former president of the labor council at Salinas, has written his first letter from Puerto Rico to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272. Lara writes that conditions for workers in the West Indies are poor, wages low.

Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 of Salinas still await word of the ruling of the Board for Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes in regard to this union's recent dispute with the boilermakers over valves.

Garold F. Miller, secretary of Retail Clerks Union 839, was in San Francisco last Friday for an area-wide session of officials of various unions of the craft. Miller also is secretary of the Central Labor Council at Salinas.

Clerk Organizer In S. Cruz Area

Neil Goodwin, business agent of Retail Clerks Union 839, has moved his residence to Santa Cruz where he is now organizing clerks.

Goodwin will have his offices with Culinary-Bartenders 345 in the Santa Cruz IOOF Hall. He has been working in Monterey County and was shifted to Santa Cruz and Watsonville area to head an intensive organizing move, according to Secretary Garold Miller of Local 839.

Local 483 Presses Contract Efforts

Negotiations for a new contract for Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 on the Monterey Peninsula are being continued, according to the union.

Several direct negotiation meetings have been held with employer representatives and points at issue are being considered one by one, it was reported. Details of negotiation progress will be announced later.

In 1949, 570,000 oil burners were installed in the U. S.

Culinary 467 Picks Delegates To Dinner Fete

Two representatives from Culinary Alliance 467, of Salinas, will attend the testimonial dinner for international union heads in San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel on Thursday, May 25.

General President Hugo Ernst and General Secretary Ed S. Miller are to be honored at the dinner gathering. The two were guests at a similar dinner in Los Angeles on Monday night.

Proceeds from the dinner party will go to the City of Hope benefit fund, to help finance the tuberculosis sanitarium.

Local 467 will send Secretary Bertha A. Boles and Mildred Roxas to the affair. Because of the nature of the benefit affair, Local 467 purchased five tickets, Mrs. Boles added.

Seven Carpenter Trainees Given Committee Okay

Members of the Salinas Joint Apprentice Committee for the Carpentry training program last week approved seven new apprentices for training, assigned four to contractors to begin their course and held three for later assignment, according to Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters Union 925.

The committee, headed by Gustav A. Nelson as chairman and William Goodman as secretary, devoted some of its meeting time to a review of the recent apprentice completion ceremonies at Carmel, at which 15 apprentices from Local 925 received journeyman status.

Named to start in the training program were:

Ignacio Cerna, assigned to Contractor Stanley Cunningham; Jerry Purty, assigned to Contractor E. M. Carlsen; Robert Garner, assigned to Contractor Bert O. Burke, and Theo Verser, assigned to Contractor Menno Klay.

Richard Hermon, Dom Imwalle and Raymond Martinez, all on the waiting list for assignment at a later date.

Electricians Finding Salinas Work Plentiful

Members of Electrical Workers Union 243 are finding plenty of work to keep them busy in the Salinas area, but no more men are needed to man present projects, Bus. Mgr. Karl Ozols reports.

Some 200 electrical workers still are employed on the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam generator plant project at Moss Landing, Ozols declared.

"Stress the point that Local 243 has just enough jobs for its own members, however," Ozols asked. "We don't need any more men in the Salinas area now."

Work projects for electricians include:

Rosendin Electric Co. of Salinas has contract for the new El Sausal Junior High School, work just begun.

Rosendin Electric Co. is completing work on the Prunedale School. Salinas Electric Co. will be contractor for electrical work for the Santa Lucia School.

Alisal Electric Co. of Salinas will be contractor for the electrical work on the new Bardin School development.

State Parley Called on Work In This Area

A delegation of Salinas labor union officials, headed by Karl Ozols of Electrical Workers Union 243, will travel to Sacramento on Thursday of this week for a meeting with State Atty. Gen. Fred Howser and others in regard work in this county.

The meeting was arranged by Frank A. Lawrence, president of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, for 2 p.m. Thursday. Attending will be members of the State Personnel Board. Union officials will hold a special caucus before the session with the state department heads.

Such matters as travel time, subsistence pay and other questions which have been at issue in connection with state work in this area will be subjects of discussion. Program for future action will be laid, it was reported.

Prime example of issues under dispute has been the State Forestry Service station in Slack's Canyon, where unions protested successfully the use of state civil service workers and convicts building a new station.

Efforts of the National Electrical Contractors Association and Local 243 resulted in announcement that the state will call for public bids for construction of future work, including garage facilities, a sewage disposal plant, and two residences at Slack's Canyon, according to Ozols.

Socialism?

More business was done in the stock market last month than in any April since 1933, The New York Times reports. It also was the busiest month since January 1946.

Is that socialism?

Something for Democrats to Think About

Those Democrats whose anti-labor feelings lead them to favor most of those moves that are aimed at eliminating the voice and wishes of labor within the Democratic party can usually be found doing all kinds of politics against labor at the same time that they are accepting labor votes to place and keep the Democratic party in power.

Those who are familiar with political history know that it is only when a large majority of labor votes went to the Democratic party that this party ever was successful in winning important elections. In view of what has happened in the past those Democrats of today, who are double-crossing labor and knifing those candidates in the coming primary that labor has endorsed, would do well to stop and consider where they and their party is liable to wind up if they always continue to oppose those candidates that labor desires to have nominated at the primary and later elected at the general election in November.

It is a waste of time for labor to help to elect Democrats who are anti-labor in their leanings, and unless the Democratic party can give labor at least as much consideration as it has been according nationally since 1932 it will lose the labor vote. Labor will then go somewhere else.

Monterey Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 896 Bellomy Ave., Santa Clara; phone AXminster 6-3625. Office, San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Chas. M. Osterloh, 230 Walnut St., phone 2-1792; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 7-4149. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 464, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone OMt. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., Fred S. Miller, 440 Palo Verde, phone 5-6113. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Mailing address, P. O. Box 511, Monterey. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0253; Rec. Sec., R. R. Robinson, 66 Via Chular, Mont. 5-6436. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849.

CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Frank A. Lawrence, Secy-Treas., Lee Lator, Main office, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, U.S. 3-0363. Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 First Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Pres., W. T. Evans, Seaside; Fin. Sec., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 5-3888; Bus. Rep., Fred S. Miller, phone 5-6744. Office at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 2-4036; Sec.-Treas., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 2-3622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, Bus. Agt., Leroy Hasty, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 38—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lilac Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbricht, 123 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., C. J. DeMonte, Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seelert, 1508 First St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7674; Monterey Bus. Agt., S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Fred G. Zahner, P. O. Box 692, Seaside; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Bolin, Box 892, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-5740. Office phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT FINISHERS 337—Meets 1st Friday at 316 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Ingram, Sec.-Treas., Dan Williams, Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142. Office 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Masuen, Carmel, phone 7-3536; Sec., Edward Weiner, 20 Via Encina, Monterey, phone 2-1310; Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone 2-3002. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m., Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Donaherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. O. Box 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 5-3019; Sec. and Bus. Agent, Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21266.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 2-3622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

Attend ILO



Geneva, Switzerland.—President H. A. Bradley of the AFL Chemical Workers Union (seated) discusses with Gordon Mellwain, Sarnia, Ontario, president of the union's local 75 in Canada, their position as worker delegates to the second session of the Chemical Industries Committee of the International Labor Organization. The committee voted an international safety and hygiene survey in the industry.

What's in a Word?

Ideas which govern human affairs are transmitted mainly by words. But words, by the association of ideas, often do more than communicate a message. They create impressions, arouse emotions, and induce action.

We have often wondered if the common use of the word "accident" has not delayed the progress of injury prevention. The dictionary defines an accident as something unexpected, unforeseen, and unavoidable. We naturally associate the word "accident" with something unpreventable and excusable, such as the mishaps of childhood.

When an unsafe act is performed often enough, injury, by the laws of probability, must occur sometime. When a man drives too fast for road or traffic conditions and a smashup follows, should we call it "accidental"?

Year by year, the percentage of injuries due to unsafe acts increases. Prevention depends on an ever increasing degree on how well men know their jobs and how well they plan and perform them.

In baseball the players dislike being charged with errors. But in that game errors or failures are not called accidents. Players try to avoid them. People don't like to make mistakes. The urge to learn and the desire to cooperate may be improved if error is called error, injury called injury, and the word accident is reserved for unavoidable occurrences.

Experience proves that most of the errors and the injuries caused by them are preventable. Let's stop putting them, by the association of ideas, into the class of something which "couldn't be helped." Let's call mistakes by their right names.—Bethlehem Safety Bulletin.

RICE EXPLAINS ASSEMBLY RACE AIMS, PLATFORM

George L. Rice, candidate for the State Assembly, has issued a pamphlet setting forth his aims and principles in the campaign. Rice is secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey.

The aims and principles include the following:

"He believes that the basic principle of taxation is ability to pay. He urges the elimination of waste and inefficiency in State government with the resultant savings applied to tax reduction.

"He believes that the rapid development of our water and power resources is essential if we are to realize full agricultural and industrial prosperity in California, and solve our serious unemployment problem.

"He urges a realistic program, both State and National, to promote home ownership, while favoring construction of low-cost rental units in areas of greatest need.

"He advocates a workable, centrally administered old age assistance program as a matter of right rather than charity.

"He supports and encourages the growing demand that agricultural and other groups of workers, not now covered, be brought within the jurisdiction of social security, unemployment and disability compensation programs.

"He believes that the greatest asset to our country is physically and mentally healthful men and women. He will support workable legislation which will enable any person to obtain adequate medical and hospital care.

"He urges the abolition of the cross-filing system and a return to a free primary to enhance the vitality of our two-party system.

"He urges immediate enactment to an education aid program which will enable local school districts to obtain state financial aid for current expenses and capital outlays which cannot be met within local tax and bond limits. He advocates realistic teacher salary schedules based on professional training and experience.

"He believes in the right of all citizens to an equal protection under the laws."

They hope you'll forget, but don't! Vote on June 6!

850,000 in Bldg. Trades Get Hike

Washington, D.C.—Wage negotiations in the construction industry brought hourly rate increases to at least 850,000 workers in 1949, but provided few changes in supplementary wage benefits, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced.

Increases negotiated ranged from less than 4 cents to more than 30 cents an hour, with most workers receiving between 5 and 12½ cents. New or additional employers contributions to union health and welfare funds led among the supplementary benefits in the 1949 settlements, but only about 5 percent of the construction workers received such benefits. Other types of changes affected only a scattering of workers throughout the country.

The Bureau reviewed all settlements affecting 200 or more workers coming to its attention during the year from its own wage surveys, from press reports and other sources. Close to a million workers in all construction fields were involved in the settlements studied.

The average increase was approximately 10½ cents an hour. Regionally, the average varied from approximately 8½ cents in the far West to about 13 cents in New England. In the Midwest, the average increase was about 11 cents; in the South, 11½ cents; in the Middle Atlantic States, 12½ cents.

Business failures are most frequent among small firms. Dun & Bradstreet reports a 69 per cent increase in 1948 over 1947 business casualties for firms in the \$5000 to \$25,000 class. The smallest increase, 7 per cent, was reported for firms with assets of \$100,000 or more.

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Cities and Towns Slow to Decontrol

"It is interesting to note that cities and towns have had ample opportunity to get rid of Federal rent control if they so desired, or if they felt that Federal rent controls were no longer necessary, but I want to point out that despite constant and persistent pressure from many real estate interests, these cities and towns have refused to decontrol under the local option provision of the present Act.

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By JAMES ROOSEVELT

One of the things I hear most frequently as I travel about the State of California is widespread dissatisfaction over the difficulty of getting from one place to another.

In fact, I started studying this problem because the traffic question, in one form or another, cropped up so often.

Hundreds of thousands of us suffer from the inconveniences, the delays and the frustrations brought about by the inadequacies of our streets and highways and the deplorable mess our public transportation system is in.

Like so many of our problems, the traffic problem has been made worse by the rapid rate of our growth. The Los Angeles metropolitan area, for example, now has a population of four million, increasing by 10,000 each month. Experts predict the area's population will increase by half to six million by 1960.

WE FAILED TO PLAN

Unfortunately, however, our governmental leadership hasn't been on top of the problem. We have failed to plan. Instead of hitting the ball when it reaches the plate, we have been swinging as it thuds into the catcher's mitt.

For example, we are building a system of greatly needed freeways throughout the state, particularly in the Los Angeles area. But as each unit has been completed, it has rapidly become overcrowded. As cars crawl bumper to bumper at the peak hour along the Arroyo Seco or on the approaches to the Bay Bridge, every driver knows what chaos can be brought about for miles behind by even a minor collision.

Even when we have made an attempt to plan, as we have done with our state highway system, we have failed to carry out the plan. The program now in existence calls for the expenditure of \$170 million a year for the next decade. Yet, in the 1949-50 fiscal year, revenues for that purpose amounted only to half the year's commitment.

CONGESTED STREETS

One very pertinent question about our congested highways is this: Why should our freeways and city streets be clogged each morning with autos which are destined to spend the whole day in a parking lot? We are certainly a motor-age state. We not only have more cars than any other state, we have more cars per capita—two for every five people.

The fact of the matter is that in none of our large cities do we really have a rapid and efficient system of public transportation. People would use it, if we had it. And until we get it, our freeways and parking lots will be clogged just as fast as we build them. In cities in other parts of the country where there is at least a semblance of an adequate transit system, the average office and factory worker doesn't have to drive to

work; he can take the subway or commuter train and leave the car at home for his wife to use.

TOUGH ON COMMUTERS

We must also be concerned, for example, with the people who don't have a car and are forced to use the inadequate public transportation systems which do exist. Consider the business girl who lives in the San Fernando Valley and who must add as much as three hours to her working day just to travel ten miles to and from her office in downtown Los Angeles—or the worker who has to travel from Richmond, Vallejo or Hayward to San Francisco.

Over-all planning must be done, planning which will take into account sprawling Los Angeles County and its 45 communities, and the half-dozen counties of the San Francisco Bay area. If necessary, further State enabling legislation must be secured to permit setting up transportation districts, to integrate the existing facilities and provide new ones. In all probability, the State must help underwrite the costs of this public service project.

We should certainly all demand leadership at the state level immediately in solving our traffic problem.

No Incentive—How Wrong Can Chamber Get?

Here is a headline from the May 2 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*: "Business Needs Incentive to Grow Says Chamber of Commerce Head."

Well, all President Herman Steinkraus of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce needed for incentive was to read some more *Journal* headlines of the same date:

"Total Construction Last Month Set New April High."

"GM April Output at New High for Month."

"American Viscose Net, Sales Up in First 1950 Quarter from Year Ago."

"Standard Steel Spring First Quarter Net 10% Above Like '49 Period."

"Buick's April Output High for That Month."

No incentive, Mr. Steinkraus? —(LLPE)

ATTENTION ALL VOTERS!

For the political facts on the June 6 election—

READ THE LABOR PRESS SUPPORT AND READ YOUR LOCAL LABOR PAPER!

—California State Federation of Labor.

They hope you'll forget, but don't! Vote on June 6!

PITY THE POOR BOSS!

Records filed with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission show that the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in 1949 paid its 17 officers and directors salaries and bonuses of \$1,420,637.

More than half of that went to the 6 highest paid officials.

President Eugene Holman received \$157,500 salary; \$10,746 bonus and the company contributed \$21,318 for Mr. Holman to his retirement fund.

Board Chairman F. W. Abrams received \$132,500 salary; \$9,021 bonus. The company contributed \$23,335 for his retirement.

The company paid \$201,051 to the company retirement fund in behalf of its 17 officers and directors.

Labor's Candidates Win in St. Paul

St. Paul.—Labor-endorsed candidates won the mayoralty and five of six council seats in St. Paul's municipal elections. Mayor Edward K. Delaney was re-elected, 44,711 to 26,767 for George Ostrand, backed by real estate interests.

Four of the five labor councilmen were re-elected; the fifth was Frank Marzitelli, financial secretary of the AFL Bakers Union.

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Steel Wants \$1.7 Billion Tax Kickback

Washington.—The steel corporations feel they are entitled to a tax kickback of \$1.7 billion a year, according to their house organ, *Steel Magazine*. The magazine proposed a change in tax depreciation laws to allow the steel companies to conceal \$4.4 billion of their annual profits and thereby save \$1.7 billion in taxes.

3-Yr. Di Giorgio Strike Called Off

Washington.—A strike against the Di Giorgio Fruit Corp. in California was called off by the Natl. Farm Labor Union (AFL), NFLU Pres. H. L. Mitchell announced May 9. The strike against the giant ranch had been officially in progress for nearly three years. Mitchell called it the longest agricultural strike in labor history.

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EDITORIALS

GET INTO THE FIGHT

What the men and women of labor must learn to realize is that the efforts must be put forth to secure the election of pro-labor candidates for Congress and other important state and federal positions that are to be filled at this year's election. Most important of all at the present time are the pending primary elections at which candidates will be nominated by the various parties for the November elections. Report to the Labor League meetings as a volunteer worker.

Elections are not won, as a rule, by half-hearted campaigns. To really win an election those who are concerned must get in and pitch. From now till the last vote is cast June 6th those who want to see the candidates of labor qualify for the election that comes later must apply themselves to interest others in voting to help realize this. Only by getting enough votes cast for the candidates endorsed by labor to qualify them for being candidates in the November election can headway be made in the right direction.

To accomplish this every man or woman, who wants to see present day anti-labor Congressmen replaced by pro-labor members, must contact their friends about voting for labor in the coming primary election. If you are not already in this fight get into it without further delay and stay in it till the last vote is counted. To win an election requires an enormous amount of personal work among the people who have votes to cast. Labor must depend upon volunteer workers, who are willing to help without being paid. Be one of these.

FASCISTS GETTING BOLDER

More and more it is becoming evident that rabid assaults being made on what is generally being designated as "subversive" is merely a cloak in which fascism is again being revived. No matter how much violence is suggested no attention is paid to it if the party making it belongs to the respectable fascist crowd.

Recently, while investigating House lobbyists, a letter from H. U. Nelson, executive vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, was read in which he said: "I do not like Democracy. I think it stinks." R. P. Gerholz, president of the same organization, told an audience of St. Louis businessmen: "It may be time to use shotguns and rifles—and you know what I mean."

If defenseless and helpless reds, who have been branded as subversive, had made these statements, special committees set up to locate such offenders would probably lose no time in dragging them before courts of justice to be tried and sentenced to penitentiaries for making such utterances. But when it is respectable officials of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, who make these fascist utterances, not only attacking democracy, but clearly advocating use of force and violence, instead of lawful processes, to sweep aside all opposition, the screechers of our Un-American committees in Congress do not seem to have any objections to record. With these hysteria raisers it is not how raw that which is said may be, that matters, but who says it; not what is done, but who does it.

SLINGERS OF MUD

Our present government is being painted in the most lurid light that the attackers are capable of depicting. According to these besmirchers practically every department of government in Washington is honeycombed with traitors and spies who are on our own government's payroll, but are rendering comfort and aid to our enemies.

All the progress that has been made since March 4, 1933, when Franklin Roosevelt took charge of our ship of state, which at that time was on the very verge of collapse, is dubbed as various forms of creeping maladies that are claimed to be endangering the very foundations of our democracy.

Who is slinging all this mud? The politicians of the G. O. P. They are asking the people of the United States to return to them the U. S. government, which they came so close to wrecking completely, last time they were in charge. It took over ten years to recover from the most devastating effects of Hoover misrule and the evil policies established by his big business controlled political party.

With all the faults and deficiencies that Truman and his party may have we have made progress and much improvement over the depression situation the G. O. P. plunged us into in the late twenties. Is there any sensible reason for return to those miseries?

Billionaire Socialism

(LLPE Release)

President Benjamin Fairless of U. S. Steel expresses the current big business line this way:

"Our American system is in deadlier peril today than it has ever been in my lifetime."

Is he right? Look at a Securities and Exchange Commission report which shows:

Current assets of all U. S. corporations (except banks and insurance companies) totaled \$124.1 billion on Dec. 31, 1949. They've been higher only once before—in 1948 when they were \$126.7 billion. In 1942 they amounted to only \$83.6 billion.

Assets include cash, U. S. bonds, bills to be collected and goods.

Current liabilities are debts and taxes.

On Dec. 31, 1949 corporate liabilities amounted to only \$56.4 billion contrasted with \$61.9 billion in 1948 and \$59.3 billion in 1947. The 1942 figure was \$36.3 billion.

Net working capital of the corporations—the difference between assets and liabilities—was at a record high last December 31. The figure was \$67.7 billion. Contrast that with the 1948 total of \$64.8 billion, the 1947 one of \$60.6 billion and the 1942 one of \$36.3 billion.

The important thing about working capital is "liquidity." That means cash and U. S. bonds which the companies can get their hands on quickly when they need funds to expand or take care of changes in business conditions.

At the end of 1949 these corporations had on hand \$40 billion in cash and U. S. bonds.

For every dollar in liabilities the corporations had 72 cents in liquid assets last year. By contrast, for every dollar in liabilities in 1948, the businessmen had only 61 cents in liquid assets. Before World War II, for every dollar in liabilities corporations had only 45 cents in assets.

Corporations spent \$19 billion to expand their plants last year. To pay for such expansion they got two thirds of their funds from cash and bonds they had on hand.

Where does that leave the businessmen's talk about the lack of money in this country for investments?

A large share of the profits which corporations refused to distribute as dividends to their stockholders was not used to expand their plants. It was merely socked away.

Finally, in 1949 corporations had to pay \$9.7 billion in Federal income taxes. In 1948 they paid \$11.6 billion; in 1947, \$10.6 billion; and in 1942, \$12.6 billion. What is all that talk about "unbearable" corporate taxes?

U. S. Steel and the rest of big business to the contrary, American businessmen are in good shape.

Buck Denham Rides Again

"... some unions ... still insist that they are entitled to anything they want to do; that the regulating laws enacted by the Congress must be subordinate to their union-made laws, and that the public must continue to tolerate their arrogant disregard of the public welfare."

The man who said that the other day is not Robert Taft or Fred Hartley.

He is Robert Denham, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Denham's glaring bias against trade unions has put him the whole basis of labor-management relations for the last three years. As the board's chief investigator of complaints, made either by employer or employee, he should be absolutely unbiased.

His remarks set forth above reflect accurately his outlook: "The unions be damned."

Why didn't Denham name the unions he supposedly had in mind? You know the answer.—(LLPE)

656 Killed on Job During 1949

Disabling work injuries in California decreased nearly 10 percent between 1948 and 1949 from a total of 142,177 in 1948 to 128,520 in 1949. This reduction of 9.6 percent is particularly significant in the face of an employment decrease of less than 2 percent in the same period and indicates a significant drop in the frequency rate.

Industrial fatalities, however, rose from 649 in 1948 to 656 in 1949. Only three of the major industry groups reported fewer deaths than in 1948—manufacturing, construction, and mineral extraction; the remaining industry groups reported more deaths than in the preceding year.

All major industry divisions reported fewer nonfatal injuries in 1949 than in 1948 except for agriculture, finance, and government. The largest relative declines occurred in manufacturing and in construction, which together accounted for 80 percent of the reduction in work injuries between 1948 and 1949.

As in previous years, manufacturing accounted for the largest number of lost-time injuries, its 1949 total of 32,319 representing one-quarter of all lost-time injuries in California during the year. The 1949 total was 19 percent below that for 1948, while employment declined by less than 5 percent in the same period.

Construction reported the second greatest relative decrease in work injuries during 1949. From a total of 22,979 in 1948, the number fell to 19,823 in 1949. Although construction was third in terms of total lost-time injuries, this industry ranked second in number of fatalities, with 104 reported in 1949.

A significant reduction in work accidents was also reported in crude petroleum production and in mining and quarrying. In the mineral extraction group as a whole, disabling injuries totaled 3,696 in 1949 compared with 4,078 in 1948, a drop of more than 9 percent, although employment changed very little between 1948 and 1949.

More disabling injuries were associated with working surfaces than any other type of agency. Stairs, roofs, stagings, scaffolds, and other working surfaces were involved in 24,549 injuries, nearly one-fifth of the total. Next largest agency group was hand tools with 13,855 lost-time injuries.

Dividends and interest payments combined totaled about \$17.1 billion in 1948.

Bits Of Humor

Neighbor: "When is your sister thinking of getting married?"
Little Brother: "Constantly."

In a night club a very pretty girl was wearing around her neck a thin chain from which hung a tiny golden airplane. One of the young men in the party stared at it so long that the girl finally asked him: "Do you like my little airplane?" He replied: "As a matter of fact, I wasn't looking at it. I was really admiring the landing field."

In the French Parliament, a Deputy making a speech on the legal status of women, cried: "After all, there is very little difference between men and women!" Thereupon the entire Chamber of Deputies rose and shouted as one man: "Vive la difference!"

"When I marry," boasted Mabel, "a lot of men will feel wretched."
"My goodness," said Marie, "how many are you going to marry?"

In a crowded bus in Kentucky, a lanky young man sat opposite a girl whose skimpy skirt kept creeping up over her knees. She fought a constant battle with it, pulling it down, but as soon as she released her hold, up it crept.

After one hard yank, she looked up and met the gaze of her traveling companion.

"Don't stretch your calico, sister," he advised her. "My weakness is liquor."

Young lady picking flowers in a field called excitedly to a farmer nearby, "Hey, is this bull over here safe?"

"Well," replied the farmer, "he's a dern sight safer'n you are."

Elderly woman shopping for a hat. Salesgirl kept showing her new types of headgear which didn't suit the old lady at all. Finally she said, "Listen, I wear a corset and I wear drawers, and I want a hat to match."

Entering a room in a Washington hotel, a woman recognized a well-known government official pacing up and down and asked what he was doing there.

"I am going to deliver a speech," he told her.

"Do you usually get very nervous before addressing a large audience?"

"Nervous?" he replied. "No, I never get nervous."

"In that case," demanded the lady, "what are you doing in the Ladies' Room?"

The groom, just back from overseas, had hardly glimpsed his bride before the ceremony. So when the time came for the kiss it was a long one, lasting on and on until a child's voice rang out in the silence of the church: "Mummy, is he spreading the pollen on her now?"

Get set to vote—June 6!

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Vote June 6 in San Benito County

Small Shops Make Poor Safety Mark

Chicago—Small shops employing less than 200 workers are Illinois' poorest industrial safety risks.

This fact was brought out at a 2-day safety conference called by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson attended by 1,800 labor and business leaders. The conference is one of many state, regional and local meetings arranged to cooperate in President Truman's drive to cut industrial accidents in half by 1952.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin is chairman of the President's Conference on Industrial Safety—formed as the first big post war effort to cut down the tremendous annual toll of industrial deaths and accidents.

"Last year in Illinois more than 48,000 workers were killed or injured," Governor Stevenson told the gathering.

Although the biggest employers in Illinois have strong safety programs, the smaller shops badly need safety education, he said.

"One industrial worker was killed or injured on the job in Illinois each 3 minutes of every working day last year," said the governor. "Ninety per cent of these accidents were preventable."

"Seventy percent of them occurred in plants employing 200 persons or fewer, where there is as yet no organized, intelligent program for applying known and tested safety techniques. This is our challenge."

He advised that labor-management committees on a localized, shop-to-shop basis, be set up in every Illinois industrial plant which does not have one already. He also urged all unions to promote educational programs for safety among their own membership.

He urged employers who know safety technique to help reach the 70 percent of Illinois plants in which there is no organized safety program.

This Costs Little Compared to War

The United Nations World Health Organization, working with the government of Haiti, is launching a two-year penicillin injection campaign to completely wipe out the diseases afflicting the 3,500,000 people who live on that island. For this unprecedented health drive, the modest sum of \$750,000 has been provided. Projects like that suggest what can be done for the human race, if man ever manages to turn his mind and money from wars to the inspiring challenges of peace.—Memphis Labor Review, AFL.

American industrialists invested nearly \$3 billion in foreign business enterprises during the 3-year period from 1946 to 1948.

Attends Contract Signing



Washington.—AFL Vice-President Harry C. Bates (left), president Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers, exchanges congratulations with Clarke Daniel, president Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Washington, at signing of new wage contract with Bricklayers Locals 1 and 4 and builders providing an employer-financed welfare fund.

Building Trades Wages Up Slightly

Washington.—Union wage scales of workers in the construction trades advanced three-tenths of 1 per cent during the first quarter of 1950, as compared with the two-tenths of 1 per cent rise reported in the previous quarter and in the first 3 months of 1949.

A recent survey by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics covering 7 major crafts in 85 cities showed that higher pay scales were reported for about 6 per cent of the 525,000 workers included in the study. Most of the increases were for 10 or 12½ cents an hour.

Between April 1, 1949, and April 3, 1950, union wage scales in building trades advanced about 3 per cent, compared with a 9 per cent increase for the April to April change between 1948 and 1949.

The Bureau's estimate of the average hourly scale of all union workers in building construction was \$2.22 on April 3, 1950. Since June 1939, union hourly scales have advanced approximately 73 per cent.

Labor Won't Quit Political Fight

New York.—AFL Pres. William Green told the AFL United Hatters convention that "labor will not be counted out or knocked out in this campaign" to elect a liberal Congress in 1950.

"We are in this political fight to the finish," Green said. "And we don't know the meaning of the word 'defeat.' We are determined as never before to organize, to work and to fight until this crucial battle of the ballots is won."

"Labor's program for increasing mass purchasing power, for widening and improving social security, and for raising the living standards of all American citizens is at stake in the congressional election of November 7."

"In fighting for a progressive legislative program and in fighting for release from the oppressive effects of the Taft-Hartley Act, the organized workers of this country feel they are doing their patriotic duty. In the American tradition we are going to the people in the congressional elections this year for their verdict."

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Detroit, Mich.—In an address before the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin praised American labor for its part in a "thrilling and successful fight for democracy everywhere."

"All wings of our trade-union movement—AFL, CIO, Railway labor, Machinists, Mineworkers—are a solid front against communism," he told the Federation members celebrating the 70th anniversary of the group's founding.

"American labor has been rebuilding unions smashed by Hitler, sending food to people too hungry to work, strengthening the resistance of workers to the enticements or terrorism of Communist aggression. American labor has been in the field fighting this good fight where it really counts. As a result, anti-Communist unions are regaining their vigor in Europe. Communism is being pushed back, and American trade-unionists, trusted by their fellows in the Old World, have played a major part in this victory."

"But they have only begun to fight. Mainly because of the insistence of American labor, representatives of 50 million workers set up in London last December the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. This organization is concerned with the three objectives of democratic labor throughout the world: Bread, Peace, and Freedom. It has pledged itself 'to conquer poverty and exploitation, and create a world of abundance and security; to destroy tyranny and oppression and create a world of freedom and human dignity; to defeat the forces of war and aggression and create a world of peace and justice.'"

54 Die on the Job in February

The death of 54 workers as a result of work accidents was reported in February 1950. This compares with 55 in the previous month and 44 in February 1949.

Four workers died in electrical accidents. In two separate accidents, one on an oil well drilling job and the other in construction, a workman was killed when crane booms contacted high-voltage power lines. In a third accident of a similar type, a fumigator was fatally burned when the movable arms on a tent puller truck came in contact with a power line and energized the truck. A lineman for an electrical construction company was electrocuted in a fourth accident when he used leather gloves instead of rubber gloves while cutting a live line to a new span of line wire.

Two miners who were preparing to timber a roof area were killed by the fall of a large slab of rock. A sand and gravel pit foreman who was working near the face of a cliff was buried by the slide of a vertical bank of sand. A blast in the neighborhood may have started the slide.

An aircraft mechanics instructor received fatal burns while testing a fuel booster pump. Highly flammable aircraft fuel was being used in the test, although a less hazardous liquid was provided for the purpose. Vapors of the aircraft fuel were ignited by a spark when the motor leads from the pump were connected to a battery.

A construction worker jumped down on a transite roof which gave way, dropping him to a concrete floor approximately 20 feet below. He died of a skull fracture.

A 14-year-old news-carrier who was crossing a street intersection on his route was run over by a truck and killed instantly.

Net profits of U. S. airlines in 1949 totaled \$44.8 million, compared with a 1948 figure of \$16.3 million.

Protection of Tenants Guards the Economy

"I wish to be perfectly fair to the landlords . . . But I also wish to be fair to the tenants in the housing shortage areas. They must be protected at all costs."

"To fall in this would be to expose our already delicately balanced national economy to disruptive influences which would have grave consequences."

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United States manufacturers sold 2,663,000,000 pounds of confectionery in 1948, or 18.2 pounds per person, says the U.S. Department of Commerce.

To Ask More Pay

Urbana-Champaign, Ill. — "Wage boosts as well as fringe benefits will be among unions' next demands on industry."

That's what Solomon B. Levine predicts in the current University of Illinois Business Review.

These demands will be made despite rising unemployment, Levine writes. High profit rates, increased productivity, and unemployment, itself, will prompt the demands, he says.

Shorter hours are also apt to be stressed, Levine predicts. This would be a means of sharing work and combatting unemployment.

Total corporate profits before taxes reached an estimated \$34 billion in 1948, compared to \$29.8 billion in 1947. The increase after taxes was from \$18.1 million to \$20.8 billion—an all-time high.

Walker Spurs Election Drive

Congressional candidate Marion R. Walker spent a busy weekend through the 11th district as guest speaker before several organizations.

Friday night he spoke before the Union Civica Mexicana at the Santa Barbara junior high school auditorium, at the celebration of the "Cinco De Mayo" Days.

Sunday he addressed the Democratic Club of San Luis Obispo county at a public barbecue in that city; and on Monday he spoke before the Motel Owners' Association of Monterey County at Salinas.

Walker's itinerary for this week was announced as follows:

Tuesday: Morro Bay, Cuyacas, Cambria and Templeton.

Wednesday: Santa Margarita, Preston, Cholame, San Luis Obispo and Shandon.

Thursday: San Miguel and Paso Robles.

Friday: Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Oceano and Grover City.

It was also announced this week by the Walker for Congress Committee that the Democratic candidate has been officially endorsed by two more labor organizations; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of California, and the California Machinists' Non-Partisan Tri-Counties Political League.

"These newest endorsements, plus the many others from both labor and other organizations, make me confident of success in the June 6 primaries," Walker told a meeting of the Democratic Committee this week, "and I sincerely appreciate the confidence the people of the 11th District have placed in me so far."

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Wage Gains Up in April

(State Fed. Release)

Wage increases and other gains obtained this April through collective bargaining by unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor in California amounted to six and a half cents an hour for the 74,000 workers affected.

During April 1949, the average gain was four cents for 40,000 workers.

Statistics listed below are based on reports in union newspapers. Increases are in cents per hour unless otherwise indicated.

BUILDING AND METAL TRADES
Millmen (carpenters), Bay Area, AND 281 employers: 5½ cents, 2 more paid holidays; eff. 5-1-50; 3000 workers.

Operating Engineers No. 63, Los Angeles, AND 25 independent meat packers: 17 cents; retro. 3-1-50; 150 workers.

Operating Engineers No. 12, Los Angeles, AND truck crane employers: 8 cents in regular rate and \$1.00 a day in subsistence pay; 2-27-50.

Laborers, Bay Area, AND tunnel employers: 5 cents; 3-31-50; about 200 workers.

Hod Carriers, 4 Bay Area locals, AND Masons and Builders Association of California: 6 cents, 6-hour day, health plan; eff. 7-1-50.

Lumber Clerks No. 3170, Sacramento, AND 4 employers: 5 cents and other gains; eff. 4-1-50; about 100 workers.

Lumber Clerks No. 2559, San Francisco, AND employers: 5 to 7 cents, 4 more paid holidays; retro. 2-1-50; 400 workers.

Machinists No. 428, Stockton, AND 40 auto repair employers: 5 cents, one more paid holiday; 4/50.

Metal Polishers AND Electroplaters Assn. of Northern California, and independents: 11½ cents; 4/50; about 400 employees.

Upholsterers No. 3, San Francisco, AND 4 Sacramento employers: \$4.00 a day and fringe gains; 4/50; 28 workers.

CLERKS

Retail Clerks No. 648, San Francisco, AND food stores except Safeway: \$8.66 per month to health and welfare plan; eff. 1-1-50; 2200 workers (omitted from January summary).

Retail Clerks No. 775, San Mateo AND food stores: \$8.66 to health and welfare plan; 4/50; 450 workers.

Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks No. 1017, San Francisco, AND Retail Fruit Dealers, Inc.: \$8.66 per month to health and welfare plan; 4-1-50.

Retail Clerks No. 588, Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties, AND employers, except Safeway; contract continued; 5-1-50; about 600.

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TEAMSTERS

Cannery unions, statewide, AND California Processor and Growers, Inc.: 5 per cent; eff. 3-1-50; 60,000 workers.

Laundry Wagon Drivers No. 256, San Francisco, AND employers: \$2.50 per week and fringe gains; 4/50; 300 workers.

Meat and Provision Drivers No. 626, Los Angeles, AND independent packing houses: 1½ cents (in addition to increase of 9-12-49); about 800 workers.

Milk Wagon Drivers No. 302, Oakland, AND Alameda County Milk Dealers Assn.: 25 cents per day, and improved vacation; 4-1-50; 1100 workers.

Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921, San Francisco AND S.F. magazine driver employers: 40 cents per day; 4/50; 30 workers.

Milk Drivers No. 226, San Francisco, AND employers: 35 cents per day and improved vacations; 4/50; 850 workers.

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

Barbers No. 317, Bakersfield, AND employers: from six to five-day week (closed Mondays); 5-1-50; about 150 workers.

Bakers No. 43, Fresno, AND 4 employers: reduction of two hours in standard work week (equals 5 to 10 cents); 5/1-50; 125 workers.

Butchers No. 563, Los Angeles, AND 40 independent meat packers: 7½ to 11 cents; retro. to 3-1-50; 1800 employees.

Butchers No. 229, San Diego, AND waterfront fresh fish companies: 18½ cents, one more week vacation, 6 days' sick leave, 8 paid holidays.

Garment Workers, AND Debby of California: contract continued; retro. to 1-1-50; 80 workers.

Typographical Workers No. 36, Oakland, AND job employers: 5 cents; retro. to 1-2-50; 300 workers.

Without Control Your Rent Could Rise 17 to 74%

If Congress does not extend rent control at the end of June there is good reason to believe your rent will be increased beyond your ability to pay for it without great sacrifice.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that average rent increases in five cities already decontrolled range from 18 to 41 per cent. Increases hit the lower-rent groups hardest—those making \$40 or less a week.

President Truman, meanwhile, asked Congress to extend rent control for another year. "The time has not yet come for the final elimination of Federal rent control," he said.

In 14 cities where controls were lifted in 1949, Mr. Truman said, rents which were free to rise were raised from 17 to 74 per cent. "There is every reason to assume that in other cities . . . decontrol would be even more drastic," the President added.

In Chicago, reports show, landlords argued in court last fall that they were entitled to a 71.5 per cent increase.—(LLPE).

8 States Will Hold Primaries in June

Eight states will hold primaries next month:

California, June 6; Georgia, June 28; Iowa, June 5; Maine, June 19; New Mexico, June 6; North Carolina, June 24 (second); North Dakota, June 27; South Dakota, June 6; Virginia, June 13 (municipal elections).

AFL Tops All In NLRB Votes

The AFL won twice as many bargaining elections as the CIO but with only half the total number of votes during the first quarter, the National Labor Relations Board reports.

The AFL won 473 elections, the CIO, 237, and independent unions, 190. Workers voted for no union in 318 elections.

Of 184,000 votes cast, the CIO drew 65,000, the AFL, 33,000. There were 29,000 votes for no union.

Unions ran up a score of nearly 8 to 1 in 1932 union shop elections to see whether workers should be required to become union members within 30 days after their employment begins. The vote was 317,000 for and 41,000 against.

The AFL won 779 union shop elections to the CIO's 314 and independent unions' 251. The CIO rolled up 236,000 votes, the AFL had 54,000 and independents, 27,000.

The report showed that 1399 were filed during the quarter, 275 against unions and 1125 against employers.

Get set to vote—June 6!

Candidates Told Pensioners' Views

George McLain, chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare, today set up a minimum requirement for candidates who seek his organization's endorsement in the coming primary election June 6.

"Only those candidates who take a firm stand for relieving county taxpayers of pension costs will receive our support," McLain said.

"There are other considerations, but every aspirant to the State Legislature who gets our backing will be in favor of state administration of old age and blind pensions, entirely at state cost."

"County taxpayers are now beginning to feel the heavy burden laid on them by the repeal of Proposition 4. There will be no relief until the voters demand that the County Supervisors stop blocking return of pension administration to the state," McLain added.

"In some counties the tax increase is running as high as 50 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The average increase is 35 cents."

"Thus, on a bungalow assessed at \$3000, taxes will be raised \$10.50. Stockholders of a business property with an assessment of \$300,000 will be notified of a \$1050 tax boost."

Want Union Label On N. Y. Printing

Albany, N.Y.—An intensive drive to mobilize the full support of 1,500,000 AFL members in New York state behind its long fight to have the union label appear on state printing has been launched by the AFL Union Label Trades Department of New York State.

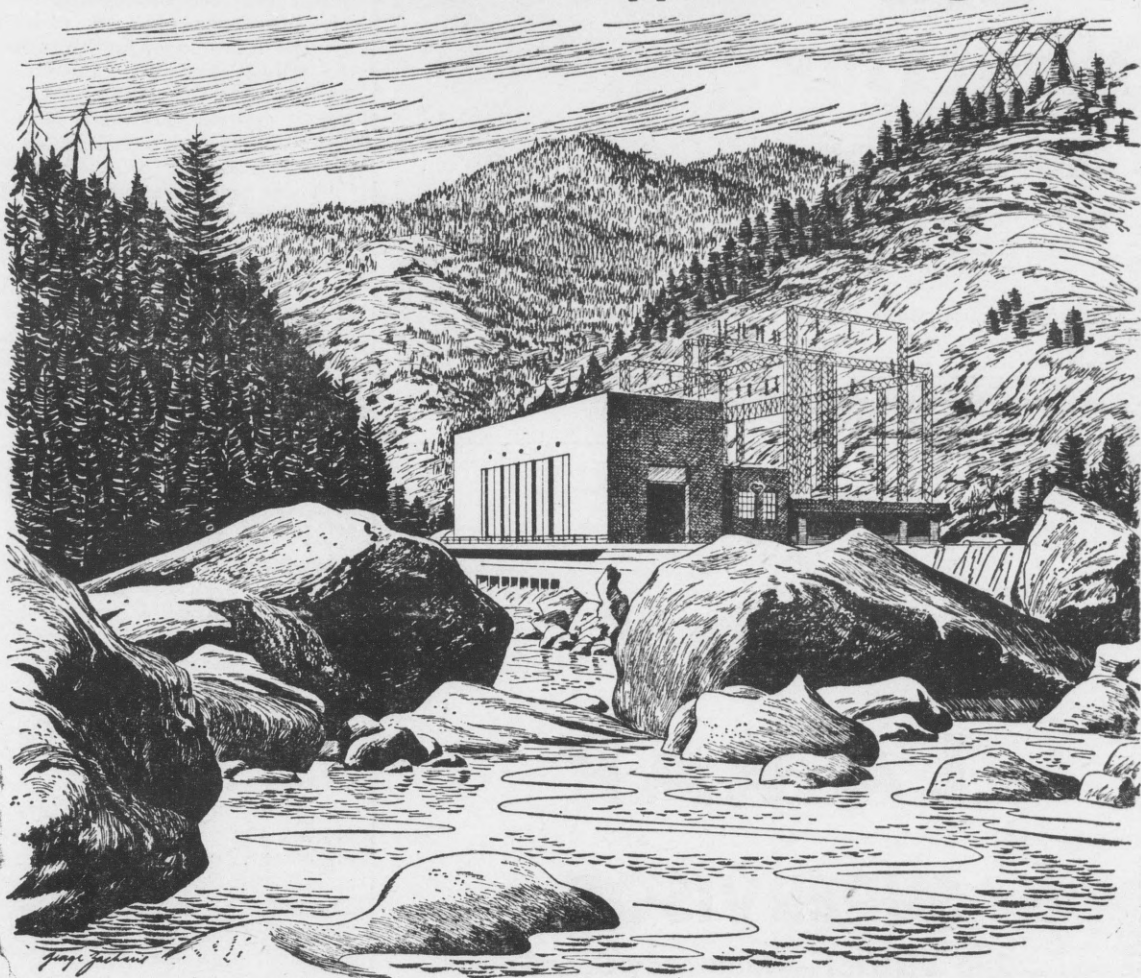
Edward Dillon, New York City president of the 125,000-member New York State Allied Printing Trades Council, said "We have suffered many setbacks in sponsoring legislation requiring the union label on all state printing."

"We are fed up and we are going to take off the gloves," he said. "Next year we plan to stage a legislative campaign unprecedented in scope and vigor. We are making our preparations now. Every individual legislator will hear from the labor unions in his area—and we don't mean only the printing trades unions."

"With the cooperation of the New York State Union Label Trades Department and the New York State Federation of Labor, we intend to make a direct appeal to every AFL union in the state to back us up."

Don't fail to vote June 6!

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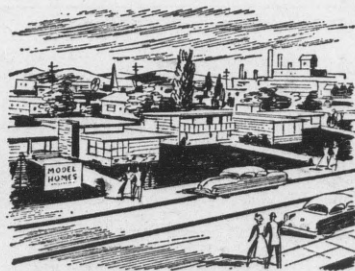
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